

**FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE**  
**ABIDJAN BUREAU**

MAB 3006  
7 March 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--February 1983

I. OPERATIONS

Monitorial/Editorial

1. On 11 February, BBC intercepted a station broadcasting in colloquial Arabic and French which identified itself as "Bardai, Chad National Radio, the Voice of the Liberation." Abidjan Bureau monitored the station on the 14th. It claims to be transmitting from Bardai, a town in northern Chad controlled by former President Goukouni Oueddei with Libyan support. Cruising efforts revealed Radio Bardai takes a vituperative position against Chadian leader Hissein Habre. The bureau assumed coverage of the French portion of its 1800-2000 GMT cast, which features news and comment interspersed with music, first in French and then repeated in colloquial Arabic and Chadian local languages. At FCS request, the bureau has filed nightly program summaries in addition to filing heavily from both news and comment. The first comment monitored by the bureau, an anti-Habre diatribe which among other things attacked Ivorian President Houphouet-Boigny, evoked considerable interest from the Embassy. The Ambassador and DCM each requested copies, and French-language transcriptions of the comment were sent directly to Foreign Minister Ake and to the Foreign Ministry's press officer.

2. On the 21st, Monrovia Domestic Service carried a statement by the Information Ministry refuting a Sierra Leone newspaper report that Liberian leader Samuel Doe had killed his wife, who the paper said was an accomplice in a plot against Doe. The following day, Doe closed all borders with Sierra Leone and ordered 2,000 troops into the border area. The bureau established an open watch on Monrovia and Freetown radios, and stayed open late on the 21st to file several reports on this development and to cover late-night Monrovia newscasts. The dispute is still simmering, following allegations by Sierra Leone President Siaka Stevens that Doe is using the occasion as a pretext to annex some disputed territory which may contain oil deposits.

3. On 2 March, the Government of Ghana announced that an attempted coup on 27 February had been foiled. According to Accra radio, the top Provisional National Defense Council leaders were to be assassinated. The radio said several individuals suspected of involvement were being sought, and a group of lower-ranking military personnel and a few civilians were being held. One of the three alleged leaders of the plot is said to hold a U.S. passport with a Puerto Rican name and his wife, who drives an automobile with diplomatic plates, is an Afro-American by birth. This plot increased interest in Flight Lieutenant Rawlings' 6 March speech to the nation on Ghanaian Independence Day, but Rawlings said nothing about the alleged plot, confining himself to familiar themes.

## II. ADMINISTRATION

### Personnel

1. Bureau teletype supervisor [redacted] resigned on 28 February to take a position with the African Development Bank. The bureau has interviewed and tested many candidates for the vacancy, and a final selection will be made soon.

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2. Monitor [redacted] who had been on extended TDY in Swaziland since August 1982, returned to Abidjan on 1 March.

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3. [redacted] entered on duty 7 March as a French/English monitor. [redacted] a Swazi national who is married to an Ivorian, transferred to Abidjan from Swaziland Bureau.

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## IV. VISITS

Alexander Thompson, the first BBC External Services correspondent assigned to Abidjan, visited the bureau on the 23rd. Like other correspondents who live in Abidjan, Thompson will spend most of his time traveling in West and Central Africa.

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[redacted]  
Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Attachment:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau  
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

## ABIDJAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 83

## 1. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	252,847
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	9,844
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	726

BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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## II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:

(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	7,859	27,000	115
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## III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

## ANGOLA

LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

ENGLISH 1,191

LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

FRENCH 4,110

LUANDA ANGOP IN

FRENCH 11,060

LUANDA ANGOP IN

PORTUGUESE

## BENIN

COTONOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

FRENCH 4,790

COTONOU EHUZU IN FRENCH

310

## CAMEROON

YAOUNDE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

ENGLISH 1,720

YAOUNDE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

FRENCH 240

CAMEROON TRIBUNE IN

FRENCH

CAMEROON TRIBUNE IN

ENGLISH

## CHAD

BARDAI CHADIAN NATIONAL

RADIO 5,610

## CONGO

BRAZZAVILLE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

FRENCH 2,210

BRAZZAVILLE BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN IN

FRENCH

BRAZZAVILLE ETUMBA IN

FRENCH

## EQUATORIAL GUINEA

MALABO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

SPANISH 170

## FRANCE

PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH

42,900

PARIS AFP IN FRENCH

21,296

PARIS DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN

FRENCH

19,570

PARIS DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN

ENGLISH

PARIS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN

FRENCH

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<b>GABON</b>			
LIBREVILLE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH			
LIBREVILLE AFRICA NO.1 IN FRENCH	930		
LIBREVILLE L'UNION IN FRENCH			
<b>GAMBIA</b>			
BANJUL DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH			
BANJUL GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN IN ENGLISH			
<b>GHANA</b>			
ACCRA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	49,810		
ACCRA INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH			
ACCRA GHANAIAN TIMES IN ENGLISH			
ACCRA DAILY GRAPHIC IN ENGLISH			
ACCRA WEEKLY SPECTATOR IN ENGLISH			
ACCRA THE MIRROR IN ENGLISH			
<b>GUINEA BISSAU</b>			
BISSAU NO PINTCHA IN PORTUGUESE			
<b>GUINEA</b>			
CONAKRY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	770		
CONAKRY MOROYA IN FRENCH			
<b>IVORY COAST</b>			
ABIDJAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	2,140		
ABIDJAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN FRENCH			
ABIDJAN FRATERNITE MATIN IN FRENCH			590
ABIDJAN INFORMATION IN FRENCH			
<b>LIBERIA</b>			
MONROVIA RADIO ELWA IN ENGLISH	2 350		
MONROVIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	6,690		
MONROVIA EXPRESS IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA LIBERIAN INAUGURAL IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA NEW LIBERIAN IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA THE SUND PEOPLE IN ENGLISH			
<b>MALI</b>			
BAMAKO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3,530		
BAMAKO L'ESSOR IN FRENCH			
<b>MAURITANIA</b>			
NOUAKCHOTT			

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
NIGER			
NIAMEY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,570		
NIAMEY LE SAHEL IN FRENCH			
NIAMEY SAHEL HEKDO IN FRENCH			
NIGERIA			
LAGOS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	14,640		
LAGOS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH	6,050		
KADUNA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH			
NEWS AGENCY OF NIGERIA (NAN) IN ENGLISH		15,170	
RWANDA			
KIGALI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH			
♦SENEGAL			
DAKAR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH			
DAKAR LE SOLEIL IN FRENCH			
SIERRA LEONE			
FREETOWN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	1,180		
FREETOWN DAILY MAIL IN ENGLISH			
TOGO			
LOME DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	7,420		
TOGO NOUVELLE MARCHE IN FRENCH			
UPPER VOLTA			
OUAGADOUGOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	8,290		
OUAGADOUGOU L'OBSERVATEUR IN FRENCH			
ZAIRE			
KINSHASA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	8,090		
KINSHASA AZAP IN FRENCH	7,600		
KINSHASA ELIMA IN FRENCH			
LUBUMBASHI NJUMBE IN FRENCH			